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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the noise limit applicable to motor vehicle
2 mufflers and making a penalty applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.436, Code 2011, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.436 Mufflers, prevention of noise.**

4 Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with
5 a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to
6 prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke, and no
7 person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device
8 upon a motor vehicle on a highway. A motor vehicle shall not
9 be operated on a highway with a muffler that emits a noise
10 exceeding ninety-five decibels as measured on the "A" scale
11 in accordance with society of automotive engineers standard
12 J1492 using a stationary sound level test incorporated under
13 that standard. The department of transportation shall adopt
14 rules prescribing appropriate equipment to be used for roadside
15 testing of muffler noise.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill establishes a noise limit of 95 decibels as
18 measured on the "A" scale for mufflers on motor vehicles in
19 accordance with society of automotive engineers standard
20 J1492 using a stationary sound level test. The standard
21 incorporates noise measurement procedures established by the
22 international organization for standardization. The department
23 of transportation is required to adopt rules prescribing
24 appropriate equipment to be used for roadside testing of
25 muffler noise.

26 Pursuant to current law, a violation of motor vehicle
27 muffler requirements is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a
28 scheduled fine of \$20.